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## Police warn public of extortion calls

**MANDARIN** Ottawa police are warning business owners in the Asian community of an extortion scheme where Mandarin-speaking telephone callers are demanding money and threatening violence if the demands are not met.

Similar incidents have also occurred by mail in other cities in southern Ontario.

More than five threatening calls have been reported in Ottawa, some as recently as yesterday. There have been no reported incidents of violence resulting from these calls.

Police said anyone who receives a phone call of this nature should dial \*57 (call trace) immediately after being contacted and forward phone number, date and time to the police.

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## Belgian student



A Belgian student repatriated from Mexico poses with a sombrero and a surgical mask upon her arrival at Brussels Airport yesterday. About 100 European students on internship in Mexico were repatriated due to the Influenza A (H1N1) virus, also known as swine flu.

## Flu fashion

# Flu now in Ottawa

City man returned from Mexico diagnosed with Influenza A

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## 165 confirmed cases in Canada

**An individual from Ottawa has tested positive for Influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, making it the city's first confirmed case.**

As with most other reported cases in Ontario, "this individual returned from Mexico about a week ago," the city's medical officer of health, Dr. Isra Levy, said at a news conference yesterday. "This gentleman had mild symptoms."

The man sought medical attention quickly, was released, and although his condition did not warrant treatment, he followed medical advice and "continues to do well," said

Levy. "There have been many inquiries about the individual," said Levy, "but there is really no reason to provide information about this individual. The key part is that influenza is a community infection."

Levy said public health officials have followed up with all of the individual's close contacts, and that they were found to be healthy. Because of that, there is no cause for any-

one who was travelling with the individual to be concerned. "We are not dealing with SARS," said Levy. "We are dealing with a common community infection."

As of yesterday, there were 36 confirmed cases of swine flu in the province, Levy said. The country's first serious case was reported Monday, after an Alberta girl was admitted to hospital.

As the virus is new, there

are no vaccines and no immunity and the entire population is susceptible, said Levy. He added while seasonal flu typically affects the very young and very old, the majority of people affected by the swine flu are between 20 and 45 years old.

Ottawa public health is working with hospitals to increase local capacity in case there is a demand on health services in the community, Levy said.

But paramedic chief Anthony DiMonte said that so far, "we have not seen a strain on services or an increase of 9-1-1 calls."

Ottawa's first case has "no immediate impact" on public health's recommendations to residents of the city, Levy said.

## City cops investigate suspicious death in Lowertown

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**HOMICIDE** Ottawa police are investigating what they believe may be the second homicide of 2009 after a man was found dead in a Lowertown highrise early yesterday morning.

At 1:03 a.m., police were called to 380 Murray St. "for the report of an injured person," said Ottawa police Const. Al Boucher.

Inside one of the units, police found a male in his 30s who was dead, and immediately called in the major crime unit to look into a suspicious death, Boucher said.

## Got tips?

• Anyone with information is asked to contact the Ottawa Police Major Crimes Section at 613-236-1222 ext. 5493 or Crime Stoppers at 613-233-8477 (TIPS).

"It's treated as a homicide until the autopsy results confirm or deny that," Boucher said.

Boucher said police arrested two males in relation to the incident.

An autopsy will be conducted today to determine the cause of death.

Next of kin has yet to be notified.

"We're still trying to confirm the identity of the deceased," said Boucher.





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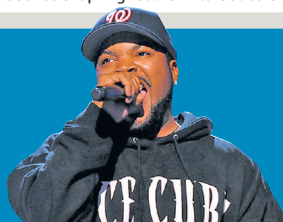


# Prof giving talk today on 'The Sounds of Spring'

What's that sound? Carleton biology Prof. Sue Bertram discusses the sudden cacophony of sounds from frogs, toads and insects — and reveals why these creatures make such a ruckus in the springtime — at "The Sounds of Spring" at the Wild Oat Café today. **METRO OTTAWA**

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# Local



## Bluesfest scores more acts

Rap icon Ice Cube, left, Canadian psychedelic rock band Black Mountain, New York indie art punks Yeah Yeah Yeahs and Jack White's new project The Dead Weather are the latest additions to the Cisco Ottawa Bluesfest lineup. The festival's executive and artistic director, Mark Monahan, said organizers have pursued these acts for some time. Bluesfest runs from July 8-19 at LeBreton Flats Park. **METRO OTTAWA**

## Ottawa's house prices lower than D.C.'s: Survey

**REALTY** Market prices for Ottawa's housing are lower than that of its U.S. capital counterpart, but it takes twice as long to sell a home in Washington, D.C., a study by Century 21 stated yesterday.

The Century 21's Spring House Price Survey shows that Ottawa, Vancouver and Calgary are having similar price trends to their American counterparts, while Toronto, Winnipeg and Halifax are outperforming comparable U.S. cities.

"Ottawa has a stable economic environment, and people are generally comfortable with their employment in the area since there have been no significant numbers of layoffs," said Century 21 Canada president Don Lawby.

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Jean-Luc Howell, the travelling exhibitions registrar for the American Museum of Natural History, sets up the Feejee Mermaid at the Canadian Museum of Civilization yesterday.

## A mermaid only a fish could love

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### Feejee

• This is the mermaid's only stop in Canada, said Canadian Museum of Civilization spokeswoman Melissa Hart.

A picture of gorgeousness she's not, but she's still one of the stars of an exhibit slated to open at the Canadian Museum of Civilization next week.

Estimated to be around 100 years old, the Feejee Mermaid — called "the very incarnation of ugliness," by a U.S. newspaper back in her younger days — settled into her new home for the next four months as a part of the Mythic Beasts: Dragons, Unicorns and Mermaids exhibit at the museum yesterday.

The Feejee Mermaid, a

common feature of sideshows such as the Barnum and Bailey Circus, was presented as the mummified body of a creature that was half mammal, half fish. The "mermaid" is actually the torso and head of a monkey sewn to the back half of a fish.

This artifact was rediscovered in a museum collection in 1973 and has been travelling with an exhibit spearheaded by the American

Museum of Natural History. The exhibit also includes models of creatures including the kraken (a giant squid), a roc (a giant bird), a sasquatch and a dragon, as well explains how they figure into cultures around the world.

The dragon, for example, said Canadian Museum of Civilization spokeswoman Melissa Hart, is portrayed differently in eastern and western cultures.

The exhibit "totally caters to families," Hart said.

There has always been a fascination with mythical creatures and fantasy, Hart said. "And this is an opportunity for the young and old to find out what it's all about."

## Crown 'hearsay' will be objected: Mayor's lawyer

### Evidence admission argued

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**If the Crown prosecutor uses hearsay testimony and out-of-court statements in the case against Mayor Larry O'Brien, he's going to have to defend it each time it comes up during witness testimony, warned O'Brien's lawyer yesterday.**

Stating that he thought the Crown case consisted of "an unprecedented amount of hearsay," defence attorney Michael Edelson said he was concerned that they need some kind of protocol to help dictate when the evidence would be admissible in court.

Edelson said he would be objecting to the admission of specific evidence.

Crown attorney Scott Hutchison would then have to outline the rules and the purpose for the admissibility of that evidence.

Justice J. Douglas Cunningham would then rule on whether or not this evidence is admissible or not. Edelson was responding

to Hutchison's stated intention of using evidence consisting of conversations and email exchanges between some of the case's principle characters, such as Terry Kilrea, who made the bribery allegation against O'Brien; Tim Tierney, Kilrea's webmaster at the time; Ottawa-West Nepean MP John Baird; public strategy consultant Dimitri Pantazopoulos; and others.

Hutchison said he'd be happy to explain the purpose of the evidence as long as Edelson made his objection in a timely manner.

Edelson said there were some cases where the purpose of the evidence was "somewhat creative." In particular, he pointed to the Crown's seeking to introduce evidence intended to defeat a defence allegation that a witness has recently fabricated part of the story.

According to the indictment filed by the attorney general, Larry O'Brien has been charged with offering to help get Terry Kilrea appointed to the National Parole Board if Kilrea dropped out of the 2006 mayoral race.

### Adjournment

• O'Brien's trial has been adjourned until Monday at 10 a.m, when both sides are expected to present their opening statements.

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What's online today.

**Video** European Union seal product ban draws the ire of N.L.'s fiery premier at [metronews.ca/canada](http://metronews.ca/canada)

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## Husband's donation 'changed my life'

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**It's been two years since Lynne and Derek Horne got their lives back on track.**

All it took was a routine kidney transplant.

In 2005, Lynne's kidney failed as a result of genetic disease that caused cysts to grow on her kidneys.

Lynne's case of Polycystic Kidney Disease was unusually aggressive.

### Fundraiser

• For the Polycystic Kidney Research Society of Canada, May 30 at Liam Maguire's Pub on St. Laurent Boulevard.

One of her kidneys had swelled to 10 pounds, 40 times its normal size and wrapped around her stomach.

After her kidneys failed, Lynne went to start dialysis, but by that time, she

said she was sleeping up to 20 hours a day.

In June 2007, her husband gave her one of his kidneys.

"It's changed my life from being constantly sick, to a pretty healthy person," she said.

To celebrate the two-year anniversary of the operation and to raise awareness of the disease, the couple is helping to organize a fundraising event for the Polycystic Kidney Research Society of Canada.

## Group demands city re-establish housing

**HOMELESS** A homeless advocacy group here is calling on council to do something about the city's shortage of affordable housing.

In a letter delivered to city hall earlier this week, the Alliance to End Homelessness stated that Ottawa council must act immediately to regain its credibility after it approved the dismantling of the city's af-

fordable housing branch.

"The city has lobbied for a National Housing Strategy, but lacks a cohesive strategy of its own," said Alliance to End Homelessness chairman Perry Rowe. "We're asking the city to reconsider what they've done in relation to pulling the housing branch apart," said Rowe.

The city's homelessness

situation is not getting better, said Rowe.

In 2008, 7,045 individuals stayed in emergency shelters for an average of 51 days.

"There are up to 100 people in overflow in shelters per night," said Rowe. "And the affordable housing units haven't made any real progress last year."

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**Canadian reps to probe facility collapse**

Representatives from a Saskatoon company that built the Dallas Cowboys practice facility are in Texas this week following a structural collapse that injured a dozen people. Some 70 players, coaches, media and others were inside. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**



# Canada



## Actor to stage fundraiser concert

Canadian actor and musician Tom Jackson is taking to the mic to help out his former hometown of Winnipeg in the wake of the flood that devastated much of southern Manitoba last month. Jackson is staging a flood fundraising concert May 13 at the MTS Centre. The event, Rise Again 2009: The Red Cross Manitoba Flood Relief Concert, will feature artists such as Tom Cochrane, Deborah Cox, JD Fortune, as well as local talent. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

## Flaherty keeps EI options on the table

Says Tories are listening to opposition's ideas

**Finance Minister Jim Flaherty is leaving the door open to improve Employment Insurance (EI) to avoid being forced into an election by the opposition parties in Parliament.**

"The opposition parties have some suggestions about what they would consider to be additional improvements to the (EI) system and of course we're listening to what they had to say," Flaherty told reporters.

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff is threatening to try to force an election in June if the minority government refuses to improve eligibility requirements so that more laid-off workers can access EI payments. And the New Democrats and Bloc Quebecois are demanding action to beef up EI during the

**"There are going to be times when, as elected officials, Christine and I have different policy positions — that is to be expected."**

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, on his wife's stance on EI

programs.

But sources say the Conservatives are considering further improvements to the program.

Flaherty laughed when it was pointed out that even his wife — Ontario MPP Christine Elliott — says more needs to be done fix the EI system.

Elliott complained that many people who lose a job cannot qualify for EI under current rules.

Flaherty responded by saying: "There are going to be times when, as elected officials, Christine and I have different policy positions — that is to be expected. This is 2009; this is not 1909. We are emancipated people, and she will think through her own policy positions. I don't expect we will always agree."

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economic crisis.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper has so far deflected these demands, saying Canada has "a very generous system of employment insurance" that was improved in the last budget. The budget extended the EI benefits period by five weeks and allocated money for additional training

### News in brief

**POLITICS** The federal Liberals are ahead of the Conservatives and have enough support to give them a chance of winning a minority government, according to a new poll released yesterday. **REUTERS**

**LABOUR** Workers in 300 regulated occupations will find it easier under a new provincial law to move in and out of Ontario for employment, the Liberal government says. The legislation follows an agreement signed by provincial premiers in January to dismantle provincial barriers to labour mobility. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

## Protectionism fear rises

**TRADE** A Canadian company landed a contract to supply plastic piping for a new health-care centre at the Camp Pendleton Marine base in California.

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"Camp Pendleton is a perfect example of how an excellent product, a brand new product, is going to be pulled out of the ground and be replaced by an American-made product,"

said Veso Sobot, spokesperson for IPEX Inc.

The stakes for Canada's economy are huge. More than \$90 billion US has been earmarked for spending on roads, bridges and other infrastructure in the United States.

"Many Canadians believe the issue" of American protectionism "was settled when the U.S. president came into Canada back in February and made assurances that all is well. But it's not," Sobot said.

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## Parliament Seal products banned



Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Gail Shea speaks in the House of Commons foyer on Parliament Hill yesterday. The European Parliament voted to ban imports of seal products, a step that Canada and Norway have said they will challenge in the world's top trade court.

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Erosion of the St. Clair River has drained an extra 12 centimetres of water out of Lake Huron over the past half-century, but nothing should be done about it because the erosion was caused naturally, a binational Great Lakes Water study concludes. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

# Alberta fires force evacuation

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for Metro Canada



Fires in the north and south of Edmonton continued to blaze yesterday, with a mandatory evacuation in effect for the northern part of Strathcona County and a local state of emergency declared.

Some 80 additional firefighters, plus command

**"The wind and dry weather isn't helping us and we're working diligently."**

Vern Elliot, deputy fire chief

support, have been secured through Alberta Sustainable Resource Development.

In Strathcona County, it is estimated more than 3,000 acres are involved,

primarily forest, brush and grass.

The grass fires, which started earlier in the week, are picking up speed and starting to spread quickly as stronger

winds start, officials said.

"The wind and dry weather isn't helping us and we're working diligently," said Vern Elliott, deputy fire chief with the Strathcona County fire department.

"We have forestry out there and we're doing what we can."

Elliott said that the evacuees would have to stay away from their homes until further notice.

## Cirque du Soleil held up as role model for Canada

**ADVISORY PANEL** To lead the way on science and innovation, Canada should be looking under the Big Top.

A federal advisory panel yesterday offered up Quebec's famed Cirque du Soleil as a role model for blending innovation, talent and technology to become a world leader.

Canada needs more of that, members of the Science, Technology and Innovation Council said as they unveiled a mixed report card on the country's innovation record and a warning that it must improve.

"There is no healthy civil society with strong economic success that doesn't lead on science, technology, innovation, knowledge, education," said Heather Munroe-Blum, the principal and vice-chancellor of McGill University.

"We'll move forward or we'll fall back because in this era the competition internationally is too intense to simply stay the course," said Munroe-Blum, a member of the

### Council

- The Science, Technology and Innovation Council was formed in 2007 to advise the Ottawa on issues of science and technology.

panel.

She said that the Quebec circus troupe, which dazzles audiences around the globe, offers an important business lesson at a time when Canadian companies need to do more research and development or risk putting Canada at a global disadvantage.

"You might think of the circus as an old economy domain. Here we have a multi-national company that is at the very top of the entertainment field," she said, noting that Cirque's success has been built on worldwide recruitment.

"Working with the experts in the technology, music, video fields, the whole new medium, Cirque du Soleil leads on this," she said.

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**New tomb uncovered at Egypt's Lahun pyramid**

Archeologists have found a nearly 5,000-year-old tomb near Egypt's Lahun pyramid, in a sign the site held religious significance a millennium before previously thought. **REUTERS**

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# World

## Wedding feud sparks massacre in Turkey

**Masked men armed with assault rifles and grenades killed 44 people at a wedding party in southeast Turkey in a blood feud between families over who should marry the bride, authorities said.**

The bride and her groom were killed in Monday's attack in Bilge, a village in the conservative heartland of mainly Kurdish south-east Turkey.

"Eight people have been caught and detained, and their weapons confiscated. This can be understood as

### Family rivalries

• Marriages in Turkey's conservative southeast can spark rivalry between clans, as the groom and his family must often pay some kind of prize to the bride's family, and sometimes the highest bidder wins.

a blood feud between two families," Interior Minister Besir Atalay said at a news briefing.

The Celebi family had been at odds with each

other over land, membership of state-sponsored village guards, and more recently over the bride, local residents said.

The attack was sparked by revenge from one part of the Celebi family, unhappy a son had been passed over for a groom from another family in Diyarbakir, residents said.

The state news agency quoted witnesses as saying up to six attackers stormed two houses where guests had gathered for prayers after the wedding. **REUTERS**



A waiter serves pork next to men dressed as pigs at a campaign by Peru's Agriculture Ministry to promote the consumption of pork in Lima yesterday. The signs read: "innocents" and "Peru without flu."

## Mexicans held in China over flu repatriated

**ILLNESS** Mexico began repatriating dozens of its citizens quarantined in China due to fears of a new flu virus.

An Aeromexico plane arrived in Beijing yesterday to pick up Mexican nationals there, after taking on dozens in Shanghai.

None of the 70 or so Mexicans quarantined in China have shown symptoms of the influenza A (H1N1) flu, also known as swine flu.

They had been caught up in a drama about how far governments should go to quell fears of passing on the virus.

Xinhua reported that a Chinese chartered flight had collected 79 Chinese nationals in Mexico City before picking up 20 more in Tijuana. China has suspended direct flights to Mexico.

The epidemic appears to be waning in Mexico, but a

### Party called off

• Cinco De Mayo festivities in the city of Puebla, the town's biggest celebration of the year, were called off after a government order to cancel public gatherings.

Texas woman was declared yesterday to have died from the illness last week, marking the second death outside Mexico. **REUTERS**

## Afghans truck bodies to provincial capital

**HERAT** Villagers brought truckloads of bodies to the capital of a province in Western Afghanistan yesterday to prove that scores of civilians had been killed by U.S. air strikes in a battle with the Taliban.

The governor of Farah Province said about 30 bodies had been trucked to his office. Other officials said

the civilian death toll may have been higher, with scores of people feared killed while huddled in houses that were destroyed by U.S. warplanes.

U.S. forces confirmed that a battle had taken place with air strikes and said they were investigating reports of civilian casualties. **REUTERS**

### News in brief

**ATHENS** A Greek court ruled the country's first homosexual weddings, celebrated last year, were invalid, the couples' lawyer said yesterday. The gay and lesbian couples wed in defiance of threats of criminal charges, saying they took advantage of a loophole in Greek law, which does not specify gender in matrimony. **REUTERS**

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## Comment

# Making each vote count

Proportional representation on ballot during B.C. election

## TheWestView

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Fans of democracy will be watching Tuesday's B.C. election, and not just because they're wondering if Gordon Campbell can make it a three-peat.

If you've ever complained your vote doesn't count, you should be watching the results May 12 because, for the second time in four years, B.C. voters will be asked to decide if they want to count their votes differently: The Single Transferable Vote (STV) to replace the current first-past-the-post system.

No, it's not a four-wheel drive vehicle or a sexually transmitted disease. It's a citizen assembly's best idea for making each vote count, and it gets points for

sincerity, if not effectiveness.

The current system, universally in place at the provincial and federal level, is the blunt instrument of representation by population: The candidate with the most votes wins. Everybody else comes last. This has come to mean we get powerful governments who can rule for years even if they're elected by less than 50 per cent of eligible voters. And people who vote NDP and Green routinely have to be satisfied with chaining themselves to a tree in order to influence events in the capital.

STV is supposed to change all that. If it passes (it fell two per cent short of the 60 per cent required last time around) in 2013, the

province will have 20 electoral districts instead of 85 ridings, with two to seven MLAs representing those districts in Victoria. Instead of marking an X on our ballots, we'll list the candidates in order of preference. If there aren't enough votes to elect someone, then the candidate with the fewest number of votes will be eliminated, and fractions of the votes are distributed among the remaining candidates, based on a complicated formula requiring 12-year-old nerds with computers. (Well, they don't have to be 12, but it helps.)

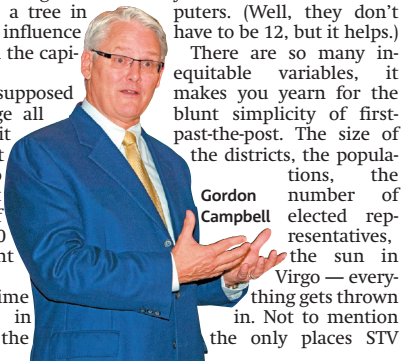
There are so many inequitable variables, it makes you yearn for the blunt simplicity of first-past-the-post. The size of the districts, the populations, the number of representatives, the sun in Virgo — everything gets thrown in. Not to mention the only places STV

now operates are Malta, Tasmania and Ireland, which would all fit comfortably into the proposed Northwest region electoral district, which is a staggering 372,000 square kilometres, so it's completely untested in a typical Canadian context (too few people, too much tundra).

It didn't make it last time, and it doesn't look likely this time, which is too bad considering all the work and conviction put into it. But there are other forms of proportional representation that look promising, including mixed-member pro-rep, which was chosen in New Zealand over STV by a majority of voters.

Democracy is flawed, but precious, so let's keep working on it. But let's not forget what we're messing with here: Our freedom. And it's not just another word for nothing left to lose. At least not yet.

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Gordon Campbell elected representatives, the sun in Virgo — everything gets thrown in. Not to mention the only places STV



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## Worth mentioning

# Schwarzenegger welcomes debate over legalizing pot

**MARIJUANA** California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger said yesterday he welcomes a public debate on proposals to legalize and tax marijuana, which some suggest could provide a lucrative new revenue source for the cash-strapped state.

The Republican governor, whose term in office expires at the end of next year, was asked about the idea of treating pot like alcohol at an appearance in northern California to promote wildfire preparedness.

"No, I don't think it's time for that, but I think it's time for a debate," he said. "And I think we ought to study very carefully what other countries are doing that have legalized marijuana and other drugs, what

effect it had on those countries, and are they happy with that decision."

The former Hollywood actor, who has admitted smoking marijuana in the past, cited his native Austria as a country where "they want to roll back some of the decisions that were made in European countries."

He said a decision to legalize marijuana, which has been outlawed in the United States since 1937, should not be made on the basis of raising revenues alone.

Schwarzenegger's comments come days after a statewide Field Poll found that 56 per cent of California voters support the idea of legalizing cannabis for recreational use and taxing its proceeds.

REUTERS

## Word on the street: What's your opinion on media coverage of influenza A (H1N1), formerly known as swine flu?

Kirk  
Pittman

age 50, Ottawa

A: I think for the most part it's blown out of proportion. It does exist and it's starting to spread, but the media seems to be dramatizing it.

Anne  
Gagnon

age 22, Ottawa

A: I think it's a little bit overdone — I think they're really flashing it in people's faces and getting everyone more scared than they should be.

Sebastian  
Major

age 24, Ottawa

A: It's blown out of proportion. I lived in Toronto during the whole SARS crisis and there's a lot of scare tactics that went on then.

Leisha  
Scanlan

age 23, Halifax

A: They seem to be hyperactive on covering it and they're kind of making it more pandemic than it is.

Jesse  
Bouchard

age 22, Toronto

A: It seems like they're inflating it worse than it is. The government knows that when a pandemic ... people consume more.

Alexandra  
Loslier

age 24, Vancouver

A: I actually just got back from Mexico. The media has sensationalized the issue more than necessary.



## Metro Online Poll Results

10%  
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Has the influenza A (swine flu) scare made you less likely to eat pork?

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## French fashion website to let customers set prices

A French fashion website plans to let customers pay what they want for 10,000 goods during a four-day promotion it billed as an "anti-recession formula." The website, brandalley.fr, will offer clothes, shoes, handbags and other accessories from May 6 to 10 at a base price of one euro. **REUTERS**

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# Business

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## Rogers plans text charge

### 15-cent fee for incoming messages

**Rogers Communications Inc. will begin charging wireless subscribers 15 cents for each incoming text message received on cellphones despite watching federal politicians berate its rivals for implementing similar charges last summer.**

Liz Hamilton, a spokesperson for Rogers Wireless, said yesterday the new charges would take effect July 7 for customers who don't subscribe to a text-messaging plan. The company's discount Fido brand is unaffected by the new policy, she said.

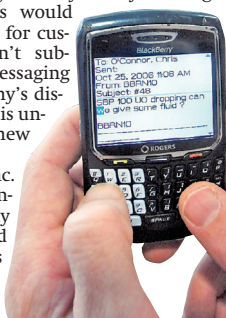
Bell Canada Inc. and Telus Corp. announced last July that they would charge 15 cents for each incoming text message,

a move that prompted a backlash from consumers and some politicians.

The policy for spam at both Telus and Bell is to reimburse customers who receive unsolicited text messages from advertisers.

Rogers subscribers charged for spam are asked to forward the messages to SPAM (7726) so they can get a credit, Hamilton said.

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## Condo crash unlikely despite glut: Reports

**HOMES** While condo unit supply is now outpacing demand, likely due to overbuilding and downward pressure on prices, the risk of developing a broad reversal in prices is low, Scotiabank and TD Bank have said in separate studies.

There is concern among many homeowners and would-be purchasers that the market is headed for an '80s-style glut that once

**"More condo apartments will come onto the market ... than can likely be absorbed."**

Pascal Gauthier, TD economist

destroyed equity in condominiums by 40 per cent.

"More condo apartments will come onto the market in 2009-10 than can likely be absorbed in the midst of a severe recession," said TD economist Pascal Gau-

thier.

But both Gauthier and Scotiabank economist Adrienne Warren believe a crash similar to that of the United States is unlikely. They add the Canadian housing market is holding

up better than expected, thanks to historically low mortgage rates and greater affordability and supply.

While oversupply is an issue, this will be mitigated by an increasing number of pre-construction project cancellations, Warren said. And when projects are cancelled, a displaced pool of buyers is turned back into the market.

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## WestJet Exceeding expectations



WestJet Airlines president and CEO Sean Durfy smiles by the firm's corporate headquarters in Calgary yesterday. WestJet reported yesterday that its first-quarter earnings fell to \$37.4 million, beating market forecasts, and said it expected to emerge stronger than ever from a global travel slowdown.

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Metro's It's Called Football show is joined by Montreal Impact Manager John Limnatis, Toronto FC's Paul Beirne and Vancouver correspondent Simon Fudge in their Nutrilite Voyageurs Cup preview show. Watch at metronews.ca/blogs.

# Sports

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## Pronger, Ott dirtiest: Poll

Chris Pronger, left, and Steve Ott, right, are the dirtiest players in the NHL, according to a Sports Illustrated poll of fellow players. The survey of 324 players that appears in this week's issue has Anaheim defenceman Pronger and Dallas forward Ott in a tie, each chosen by 13 per cent of their peers. Jarkko Ruutu of the Ottawa Senators was third at 12 per cent.

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## NHL Canucks get one in Chicago



Roberto Luongo of the Canucks makes a save on the Blackhawks in Chicago last night. Vancouver won 3-1 to take a 2-1 lead in their series. For a full recap, and the story on Game 3 between the Red Wings and Ducks, visit metronews.ca/sports.

## Balsillie bids on Coyotes, wants them in Ontario

**Research In Motion co-CEO Jim Balsillie wants to buy the financially ailing Phoenix Coyotes and bring them to Southern Ontario.**

Balsillie says his \$212.5-million US offer is conditional on moving the Coyotes north of the border.

"The current team ownership asked that I table an offer to purchase the Coyotes and significant

discussions resulted in an offer that is in the best interests of the franchise, the NHL, and the great hockey fans of Canada and Southern Ontario," Balsillie said in a statement yesterday.



Balsillie

"I am excited to move closer to bringing an NHL franchise to what I believe is one of the best unserved hockey markets in the world — Southern Ontario.

"A market with devoted hockey fans, a rich hockey history, a growing and diversified economy and a population of more than seven million people."

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## Man U moves on to Champs final

**SOCCER** Manchester United did yesterday what they failed to do at Old Trafford last week, killing off Arsenal's dreams of European glory by converting their chances in an outstanding display.

Arsenal could have gone into the Champions League

second leg three or four goals behind if the European champions had taken their opportunities before halftime in the first leg.

Instead, United came in protecting a slender 1-0 lead, but they did not let Arsenal dodge the noose a second time.

Cristiano Ronaldo scored two outstanding goals, one a solo effort from a 40-metre free kick and the second to complete a devastating, sweeping counter-attacking move which instantly became a contender for goal of the season.

REUTERS

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DEPRESSION RESEARCH

Psychiatrists at the Ottawa Psychopharmacology Clinic are currently conducting a research study of an investigational medication for depression. The purpose of the study is to further our knowledge about the possible treatment of depression. **VOLUNTEERS MUST BE EMPLOYED AND NOT RECEIVED VENLAFAXINE OR EFFEXOR (XR) IN THE PAST YEAR.** Treatment duration is approximately 12 weeks and includes a physical exam, blood tests and a psychiatric interview. All information provided will be treated in strictest confidence. To volunteer, you must be 18-70 of age, not currently in psychiatric treatment (unless you are being referred by your treating doctor), have no significant drug or alcohol problems and be in generally good physical health.



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I feel hopeless about the future.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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I am having difficulty making decisions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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## Powe undergoes successful surgery

**NBA** Boston Celtics forward Leon Powe underwent successful knee surgery yesterday.

Powe suffered a torn ACL in his left knee during Game 2 of the Eastern Conference quarterfinals against Chicago on April 20. The procedure reconstructed the ACL while also

repairing a microfracture and damaged cartilage. No timetable has been given for Powe's return, but he will miss the remainder of the playoffs.

Powe averaged 7.7 points in 70 regular season games in 2008-09. He injured his right knee in mid-March, coincidentally, against Chicago. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## SCOREBOARD

NHL	NBA	MLB	YESTERDAY'S NL RESULTS
<b>YESTERDAY'S RESULTS</b> Vancouver 3 Chicago 1 Detroit at Anaheim	<b>YESTERDAY'S RESULTS</b> Cleveland 99 Atlanta 72 Dallas at Denver	<b>YESTERDAY'S AL RESULTS</b> Toronto 10 Cleveland 6 Tampa Bay 6 Baltimore 3 Texas 7 Seattle 2 Detroit 9 Minnesota 0 Boston at N.Y. Yankees	Houston at Washington San Francisco at Chicago Cubs Milwaukee at Pittsburgh Cincinnati at Florida N.Y. Mets at Atlanta Philadelphia at St. Louis Colorado at San Diego Arizona at L.A. Dodgers
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**Metro Workology exclusive: Paws and Claws**

This is the last edition of Metro Workology's Paws and Claws series. Bidding adieu here is Navy the Rottweiler and I think she wants you to read the whole thing online at [Metronews.ca/work](http://Metronews.ca/work).

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# Workology

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## Optional evolution

Under proposed legislation in Alberta, provincial schools would be required to notify parents in advance about subject matter dealing explicitly with evolution, sexuality, or sexual orientation, and parents would be given the authority to exclude their children from classes if such topics come up.

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# Cross-Canada rally for stray pets

## Paws and Claws

RAFAEL BRUSILOV  
for Metro Canada

**As many Canadians hope for a sunny May, many more lost, abandoned or abused animals hope to find a loving home.**

This month the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies (CFHS) is teaming up with pet food producer Iams to raise awareness of pet adoption across Canada with the Iams Friends for Life campaign.

Steve Carroll, CEO of CFHS, says with more animals than ever in need of adoption, he hopes potential adopters will recognize both the value of compan-

ionship and the responsibilities inherent in adopting a pet.

"Friends for Life means that when we commit to bringing this loving being into our lives and they trust us, we have to return that trust for life," Carroll said.

More than 121 shelters across Canada are participating in the program with walk-a-thons, pet parenting clinics and free pet care kits given to each new adoptee by Iams.

Contrary to the stereotypical belief that animals at shelters tend to be unruly or unclean, Carroll says shelters are safe zones that provide exceptional care for loving pets who just need a good home.

"I think there are a lot of people who think of the animal shelter in their community as a place of last re-



Humane Societies across Canada and Iams have teamed up to raise awareness of adopting pets.

sort and that's just so far from the reality these days. These are not dumping grounds for animals — they are valuable community assets," he said.

Carroll says 48 per cent of animal shelters report May as the busiest month of the year for new animal arrivals, making this month a crucial time for raising

awareness about adoption.

For people thinking of bringing a furry little critter into their lives, Carroll hopes more people will consider adopting from a shelter because of the better animal care — and better price — a shelter offers.

Unlike at most pet stores or with a breeder, animals adopted from a shelter are already vaccinated, checked by a vet, spayed or neutered, temperament tested and even micro-chipped for identification purposes should they get lost in the future.

Given that the total costs for such services as well as the price of the animal can frequently run up to \$1,000 at a retail outlet, the \$350-\$450 dollars a shelter charges for a similar, fully treated animal lets would-be owners get a well-loved

**"A loving animal in your life is a great way to stay connected to your heart."**

Steve Carroll

animal for a fraction of the cost.

"A loving animal in your life is a great way to stay connected to your heart. It reminds us every day that we have to care, we have to love," Carroll said.

For more information, go to [cfhs.ca](http://cfhs.ca) or [iamsfriendsforlifemonth.ca](http://iamsfriendsforlifemonth.ca)

That's it for our Paws and Claws exclusive series. Metro would like to thank everyone who submitted pictures of their pets. To see the archived articles of the Paws and Claws, stop by: [metronews.ca/work](http://metronews.ca/work)



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May is National Car Care Month in Canada, a reminder that regular maintenance is the key to safety, minimizing fuel consumption, and preventing expensive repair bills. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Metro Drive



## Circle of Cube

Five hundred Canadians are battling for votes to win one of fifty all-new 2009 Nissan Cubes in the company's Hypercube campaign, which rewards social creativity. Visit [www.hypercube.ca](http://www.hypercube.ca) to check out the finalists' profiles. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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## Road to success

Suzuki Grand Vitara goes for modern looks

JIM ROBINSON  
for Metro Canada



**Sensing the market was changing drastically, Suzuki announced last fall it would add a four-cylinder model to its popular Grand Vitara, downsizing one of its most popular products at the right time.**

Suzuki is no stranger to four-bangers and four-wheel-drive beginning almost 40 years ago with the diminutive SJ410/SJ413. From these two humble vehicles sprang a myriad of off-spring sold by Suzuki and by General Motors.

And while the Grand Vitara name has been around for a while, the current generation combines welcome good looks with a proven drive train and proper 4WD, not all-wheel-drive.

To the original V6-powered Grand Vitara was added the new 2.4-litre

with variable valve timing that produces 166 hp and 162 ft/lb of torque and can tow up to 3,000 lbs (1,360 kg). Suzuki claims that is double of any of its four-cylinder competitors. The 2.4-litre is fitted with a five-speed manual or four-speed automatic transmission.

Tested here is what is expected to be the most popular/affordable version, the JX four-cylinder with automatic transmission starting at \$27,995. In the 2.4-litre versions, Grand Vitara starts with the base JA at \$25,995 and goes up to the JX with automatic and leather seating starting at \$29,995.

The JX as tested has standard four-wheel vented disc brakes, automatic climate control, cruise, power windows/doors/locks and heated outside mirrors. Besides six airbags all Grand Vitaras come standard with ABS with electronic brake force distribu-

### 2009 Suzuki Grand Vitara JX

**Type:** Compact SUV  
**Price:** \$27,999 (no options as tested)  
**Engine:** 2.4-litre, inline four-cylinder (166 hp, 162 lb/ft)  
**Fuel Economy:** 2.4-litre automatic (as tested), 11.2/8.6L/100 km (25/33 mpg) city/highway

#### Highlights

- Proper 4WD drive
- Modern interior, exterior

tion and Electronic Stability Control (ESP).

The styling of the Grand Vitara marks it as one of the first Suzukis in a long time to look contemporary. Previously, Suzuki SUVs were long on reliability (they still are) but they just didn't have the same eye appeal of the competitors like Honda CRV and Hyundai Tucson. That has now been addressed with the 2009 mod-



Suzuki has added a four-cylinder version of its popular Grand Vitara for 2009. It boasts a towing capacity of 1,360 kg that is double that of its four-cylinder compact SUV competitors.

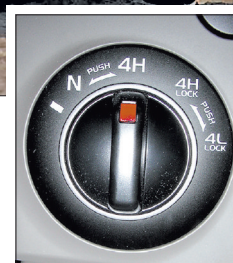
el, but I notice it still retains its signature full spare with cover on the rear, swing-open gate.

The makeover of the interior stands out. Gone are the painfully hard, black plastics and the placement of controls that was almost haphazard. Second, there is finally more than enough front seat travel and, third, the rear seat is one of the longest cushions I can remember. No more numb bum back there.

Grand Vitaras are

equipped with a four-mode, dual-range four-wheel system with a centre-locking differential that is controlled by a rotary knob on the dashboard. In 4Hi, the torque is split 47/53, front/rear for normal driving. In heavier going, the differential can be locked in 4Hi-Lock and the torque split is 50/50.

Suzukis have always been known for their engineering be it cars, ATVs, outboards or motorcycles. They built stout and de-



The 2009 Suzuki Grand Vitara has a true four-wheel-drive system with modes easily selected by a rotary knob.

pendable products.

But now that Suzuki has married all that into really stylish offers, like the 2009 Grand Vitara, they look like they're on the 4X4 road to greater success.



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## Safety nods for Fusion models

**PICKS** The all-new 2010 Fusion and Fusion Hybrid have received a "Top Safety Pick" rating from the U.S.-based Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS).

Ford is the only automotive brand to offer two hybrids that have segment-leading fuel efficiency, "Top Safety Pick" awards and exclusive safety technologies.

The Fusion Hybrid offers 41 mpg city while the Escape Hybrid is the most fuel-efficient SUV on the market and also garnered a "Top Safety Pick."

The new Fusion Hybrid's class-leading fuel economy bests the Toyota Camry hybrid by 8 mpg in the city. It also features Ford's innovative SmartGauge with EcoGuide, which coaches hybrid drivers to maximize fuel efficiency.

Fusion gets some of their core strength from the use of lightweight high-strength



The all-new 2010 Ford Fusion Hybrid.

steel in the body structure. The structure of the Fusion helps it withstand intrusion in a side impact.

The tailor-welded B-pillars between the front and rear doorframes are stronger at the top of the vehicle (from below the beltline upward) than at the bottom. This helps to channel energy below the

level of the occupants. At the torso level and above, the structure helps to prevent intrusion into the passenger compartment.

Among the segment-exclusive safety and driver aid technologies on the new Fusion are Blind Spot Information System (BLIS) with Cross Traffic Alert (CTA) and 911 Assist. **FROM CARGUIDE**



## Driving schools going green

More and more driving schools in Canada are going green and are now adding fuel-efficient driving techniques to their curriculum. A list of all driving schools registered with Natural Resources Canada is available at [vehicles.gc.ca](http://vehicles.gc.ca). **NEWS CANADA**

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# 'Right-sized' Journey

**JIM ROBINSON**  
for Metro Canada



**If you can look past Chrysler's fiscal woes, the brand has some very good and successful vehicles in its model range.**

The Grand Caravan minivan and the Ram pickup have been on the list of top selling nameplates for several years now. The Chrysler 300 full-size sedan and, of course Jeep, are also favourites among Canadian consumers.

Last year, Dodge introduced the Journey which it described as the "right-sized" crossover and it was slotted in between the Caliber compact car and the Grand Caravan minivan.

To me Journey is a clever way of taking a minivan and making it look like a SUV so people get the utility of up to seven seats along with a more rugged trucky look so in vogue these days.

Based on a stretched Sebring platform, the Journey answers the question about what ever happened to the regular-size Chrysler minivans and fills a void in the Chrysler/Dodge lineup at the same time.

Essentially this is the vehicle that fits in where the short-wheel-base Caravan used to be and is still very much in demand by a lot of consumers who don't want a full-size minivan in the Odyssey/Veracruz class. Bigger than a Mazda5, it also offers a real utility advantage against the rise of Santa Fe/Equinox/Edge competition.

Journey comes standard with four-wheel disc brakes with ABS, Electronic Stability Control with integrated traction control, Electronic Brake Assist, Electronic Rollover Mitigation and Trailer Sway Control.

Also standard is four-wheel independent suspension, 40/60 split folding rear seat, power heated mirrors, power locks and windows and, believe it or not at this price, a glove-

2009 **Dodge Journey**  
**R/T AWD**

**Type:** Mid-size crossover van  
**Price:** \$29,995 (as tested)  
**Engine:** 3.5-litre V6 (235 hp, 232 lb/ft)

**Fuel Economy:** 3.5-litre AWD, 14.2L/100 km city, 8.9L/100 km highway

## Highlights

- Family van with good looks
- Affordable

box with chilled drink storage.

With all that equipment and a price point under twenty grand (\$19,495 for the SE), it's a bargain.

Both SE models are powered by a 2.4-litre, variable valve timing DOHC inline

four-cylinder producing 173 hp and 166 lb/ft of torque. It comes with a four-speed automatic transmission and is available only in front-wheel-drive (FWD).

On the highway, the R/T was light on the controls with the six-speed automat-

ic shifting up and down  
seamlessly.

Call it a minivan, a station wagon, a hatchback or whatever a "crossover" is these days, the Dodge Journey does fit Chrysler's mantra of being the "right-sized" family vehicle.



Dodge calls the 2009 Journey the “right-sized” crossover fitting in between the Caliber hatchback and the Grand Caravan minivan.



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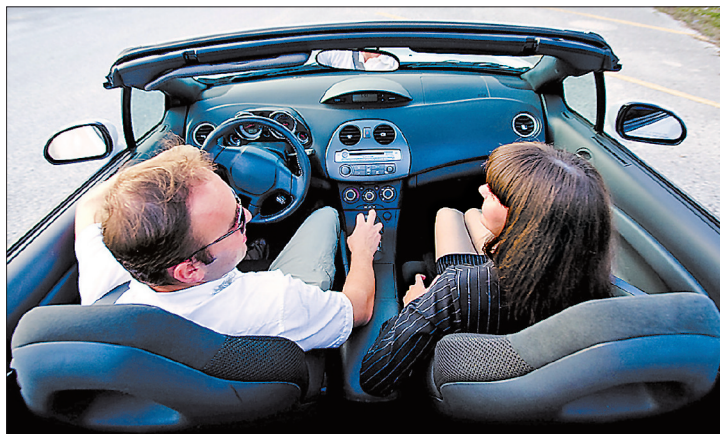
German automaker Audi will celebrate its 100th anniversary this summer in an event that will include historic race cars and the public debut of the Audi R15 TDI racing prototype. German chancellor Angela Merkel is expected to attend the celebration. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Top down and loving it

AutoPilot

**Michael Goetz**

metronews.ca/autopilot



Driving a convertible in spring and summer is a joyous experience, if you don't mind the wind ruffling your hair style beyond recognition, columnist Michael Goetz says.

It's been a long winter and a reluctant spring. But finally the sun is out and warm. The grass is riz. The trees are in bud.

So am I enjoying everything the season has to offer? Yes sir. I'm right where I want to be this time of year ... in the basement, slightly drowsy on allergy medication, watching the NHL playoffs.

And as soon they're over, or there is a lull in the action for a few days, I'll engage in another springtime passion — driving top down. (Just to clarify, I'm keeping my shirt on; it's the car roof that comes down.)

It's tough to feel lousy when you're speeding through the countryside with sunshine on your head.

The experience also illu-

minates why our species became so enamoured with automobiles at the turn of the last century — we get that simple, primal rush of “being in motion.”

Modern cars, and modern roadways, can disconnect us from this cool vibe, but the simple act of “dropping the top” can reconnect us to those heady days of the horseless carriage, when we first became the masters of our

own mobility destinies, and sped off in all directions, just because we could.

These days, I borrow convertible test cars, and they're all very cool, but my strongest and fondest drop-top experiences came during my twenties, behind the wheel of my well-used 1973 MGB. In those days I was prone to taking fast runs late at night, and I can still feel how the air

felt cooler whenever the road dipped into a valley, and how the countryside smelled during haying season.

I also remember what it smelled like when I happened to be trapped behind a garbage truck.

That's the double-edged sword thing happening. Convertibles let the sun in — good for your soul. But they also let the sun in — not good for pasty, white

**“It's tough to feel lousy when you're speeding through the countryside with sunshine on your head.”**

Canadian skin. I remember some long summer days in the MGB's saddle, an experience that made my face look like I'd been shaving with a blowtorch.

Convertibles also let the wind blow your hair — oh so groovy while you're driving, not so handy when you need to arrive somewhere with manageable hair.

The age-old solution to mitigate sunstroke and hair issues while experiencing open-air moorings is to wear some sort of headgear. Some people do it elegantly, like Audrey Hepburn and her kerchief, in any movie she made in the 1950s and 1960s. Me? Not a kerchief guy. Or a hat guy.

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for more than 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.

Kia Rio makes Forbes' list for value

**EFFICIENCY** Recently named as one of the “Greenest Vehicles of 2009” by the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE), Kia has announced the 2009 Kia Rio sub-compact sedan has been recognized as the number to pick for the “Most Fuel-Efficient Cars for the Buck” by Forbes.com in the U.S.

No other hybrid made this list, according to Kia.

The 2009 Kia Spectra compact sedan was also recognized, placing sixth on the Forbes.com list, with both vehicles earning praise for their impressive fuel economies and low starting prices.

Using data from Vincenzic, an automotive research company based in Michigan, Forbes.com considered only 2009 models and added the price of gas for each vehicle, assuming 15,000 miles per year over a five-year span, to manufacturer suggested retail prices (MSRP) and took the 2009 models with the lowest sums.

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**Storage needs ignored: Report**

Manufacturers and designers are overlooking basic storage needs in vehicles, according to a new report by J.D. Power and Associates. The study and is intended to provide manufacturers with insights on customer seating and storage preferences. [CANADIANDRIVER.COM](http://CANADIANDRIVER.COM)

# Motor gifts for moms

JUSTIN PRITCHARD  
for Metro Canada



**Some years after changing your diapers, packing your lunch for school and hauling you to hockey practice, your mom probably helped to teach you how to drive. If you've ever made fun of her driving, she'll likely remind you of it without hesitation.**

With Mother's Day right around the corner, why not consider scrapping the usual generic presents in place of something cool for her car? Whether new or old, your mother's ride could probably do with some accessorizing, cleaning or dressing up to make it more enjoyable. After all, doesn't she deserve it? Here are some ideas:

- Pick up some drive-thru car wash tickets from your local gas station to help Mom keep her ride clean. Most of these don't expire for several months, so she can keep them tucked in her sun visor for a while. They'll run you between about \$6 and \$9.

- Now that you've outgrown flinging Cheerios, crayons and fries around the cabin of Mom's car, wouldn't a good interior cleaning be appropriate? In addition to increasing enjoyment and looks, a spotless cockpit packs that extra sentimental value that comes with a hand-made gift.

Break out the vacuum, some vinyl cleaner, Windex and a few rags, and you'll have the interior looking factory-fresh in no time. Leave mom at the spa while giving her car a spa treatment for maximum effect.

- Of course, many Moms have the "clean and tidy" thing under control. If that's the case, why not consider buying yours a sense of direction! The market is packed full of navigation systems that can be fitted to any vehicle. Priced from under \$200 to more than \$600, you'll be able to find mom a system that's perfect for her needs and your budget. Most users find aftermarket navigation systems easy to learn and install, and many come with a memory to store common destinations on board.

- Is your mom an iPod fanatic? Is her car missing an input jack for the stereo? If so, musical mediocrity at the wheel can become a thing of the past. Even if Mom's ride doesn't have a CD player, she can still enjoy her MP3s on the go with a cassette player

adapter or FM transmitter.

- To keep Mom on the go in style, be sure to consider some dealer-installed accessories for her chariot. Even relatively minor and inexpensive visual upgrades like a bug-deflector, exhaust tips and chrome

grille accents can make a big punch in the looks department that she's sure to appreciate. If the budget allows, some upgraded rims and a spoiler will help dress up her rig even more.

Use this gift to compensate for any dents, scratches

or other damaged caused by your early years of driving.

Remember: your Mom's car is probably like a little home away from home. Give it some TLC, and you'll go up a few notches in her good books.



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**Few people today would drive even a short distance without their children safely buckled into their seats. Now it's time to do the same for our animals, says pet safety advocacy group Bark Buckle UP ([barkbuckleup.com](http://barkbuckleup.com)).**

Unrestrained dogs and cats can distract a driver, says pet safety expert Christina Selter, and in a crash, they can be hurt, inflict injuries on human passengers, or even attack first responders who are trying to help.

She cites a chilling statistic: in a collision of just 56 km/h, an unsecured dog weighing 27 kg will launch with a force of 1,224 kg. "If that hits you in the back of the neck, it would break your neck, or be launched through the windshield," she warns.

If a front airbag deploys when you have a pet on your lap, the airbag will almost certainly kill the animal. Not only that, but Selter says that the force of the bag, which deploys at around 321 km/h, will push



the pet into your abdomen, possibly causing human internal injuries. And pet injuries don't necessarily have to be from a collision. Just slamming on the brakes can tumble an animal off the seat, possibly resulting in broken limbs or lacerations. A pet that gets behind the pedals can prevent you from fully applying the brakes, even as it suffers injuries from being jammed between the pedal and the floor. And it's not unusual for a dog to be so interested in something outside the car that he jumps out through an open window.

The safest place is tethered to the rear seat, or the cargo area of SUVs or wagons. Cats or smaller dogs should be in a carrier that's secured with tie-downs, as it will fly through the car in a crash if it's unsecured.

Pet stores sell travel harnesses, carrier tethers and seat leashes, ranging from about \$20 to \$40, all of which attach to the car's seatbelts. The leashes should never be attached to a collar, and harnesses should have wide straps, which even out the force of a crash and help prevent internal injuries.

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**Ugandan students build 'Poor Man's Car'**

Ugandan university students have built a prototype of what they call "The Poor Man's Car" – fashioned from sheet metal, wood seats and diesel engine pulled from a corn mill, Wired.com reports. The car costs only \$4,500. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# AMG a class apart

## Many new features in E 63 sedan

**AMG, the high-performance brand within Mercedes-Benz Cars, is presenting the new E 63 AMG for 2009.**

This dynamic sports sedan with day-to-day suitability impresses with outstanding performance, thrilling handling characteristics and a technology transfer from the SL 63 AMG Roadster.

The new E 63 AMG distinguishes itself from the regular Mercedes-Benz E-Class models with a completely newly developed AMG Ride Control sports suspension with electronically controlled damping and a new front axle, and with its autonomous exterior and interior design.

At the same time Mercedes-AMG has achieved a reduction in fuel consumption by almost 12 per cent for the new E 63 AMG, thanks to the concerted use of fuel efficiency measures.

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The AMG 6.3-litre V8 engine in the new E 63 AMG develops a power output figures for the SL 63 AMG. It produces 525 hp.

The high-performance Roadster has also donated its AMG SPEEDSHIFT MCT 7-speed sports transmission to the new model.

It dispenses with a conventional torque converter and uses a compact, wet start-up clutch.

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**The E 63 AMG accelerates from 0-100 km/h in just 4.5 seconds, with a top speed of 250 km/h.**





With strong winds sweeping some of Paris high points such as Montmartre — whose landmark, Sacre Coeur basilica, is shown here — the city's authorities are planning to build small wind turbines on some rooftops to harness the gusts. **REUTERS**

**Sky-high plans**

# Travel



## Hands off my luggage

Sure, you can always tie a piece of yarn to the handle of your suitcase to prevent mixups at the luggage carousel. But these Not-Your-Bag Tags from My Tagalongs, mytagalongs.com, are so much more entertaining. With phrases like "Guess again," "Maybe not," "That's my stuff" and "Don't take me," your fellow passengers will certainly know they're to keep their grubby hands off of your bags. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# The lowdown on London shopping

**EMMA E. FORREST**  
and **ROMINA McGUINNESS**  
Metro World News

**Take advantage of the low price of the pound and on-going sales and get your credit card out for some shopping in London. Here is our guide to the city's best retail areas.**

### 1. Upper Street

**Tube stop:** Angel to High-bury & Islington

**Vibe:** More interesting than your average high street, Upper Street offers mainstream stores, hip independent boutiques and lots of gourmet cafés.

**The route:** Walk to the right out of Angel Tube to Camden Passage, where you'll find a market selling vintage clothes and jewelry, as well as chic boutiques including Frost French and eco-friendly Equa. There's more designer womenswear back on Upper Street at Diverse, Whistles, Ghost and menswear at Sefton and Zee & Co. Oliver Bonas offers fashion, furniture and gifts at reasonable prices, and Twentytwentyone, Revelloyd and Atelier Abigail Ahern sell designer homeware. Try Space NK for hot beauty products from all over the world.

**Lunch stop:** A full English breakfast at The Breakfast Club on Camden Passage.



Left, a shop assistant at The Wonder Room, a concept boutique in department store Selfridges. Right, Brick Lane.

### 2. Oxford Street and Bond Street

**Tube stop:** Oxford Street to Green Park

**Vibe:** Europe's busiest shopping street is host to major brands' flagship shops and classic department stores. Its neighbour, Bond Street, offers designer brands from Mulberry to Alexander McQueen.

**The route:** Make your pilgrimage to Topshop at Oxford Circus, then turn into Regent's Street to find the Apple Store, historic department store Liberty and giant toyshop Hamleys.

Return to Oxford Street for department stores including John Lewis and Selfridges, which is celebrating its centenary this year,

and look for budget fashion at H&M, Primark, New Look and River Island.

On Bond Street, you'll find high-end jewelers and fashion stores including Miu Miu, Hermes, D&G, Prada and Chanel, as well as old-fashioned shopping arcades including The Royal Arcade where you can get shoes handmade for you at G.J. Cleverley.

Pay a visit to neighbour-ing Dover Street for the designer concept store Dover Street Market, where you can admire avant-garde fashions from Gareth Pugh, Comme des Garçons, Hussein Chalayan and Christopher Kane.

**Lunch stop:** By the time you've reached Piccadilly it will be time for afternoon tea. Graze on sandwiches, scones and cakes at the elegant Wolseley restaurant, next to the Ritz.

### 3. Spitalfields and Brick Lane

**Tube stop:** Liverpool Street

**Vibe:** This area is home to retro markets, vintage clothing stores and bohemian cafés frequented



by Hoxton hipsters in skinny jeans and coloured Ray-Bans.

**The route:** Come out of Liverpool Street Station and cross over to Spitalfields Market, spitalfields.co.uk. On weekdays there's an eclectic mix of shops to browse through and on weekends, stalls sell vintage sunglasses and lampshades, artwork from up-and-coming artists and fashions from art-school designers.

Continue onto Brick Lane, lined with curry restaurants and hip boutiques. Visit Luna & Curious for a mix of porcelain butterfly charms and '70s-style waistcoats; and Mimi Berry for East London's coolest pretty, squishy leather handbags with flirty names.

On Sundays the old Truman Brewery warehouse hosts Up Market, consisting of 140 stalls selling fashion, vinyl, crafts and jewelry. If you have any energy left, Cheshire Street's Beyond Retro is an Aladdin's Cave of fringed leather bags, plaid shirts,

and floral tea dresses.

**Lunch stop:** Stop for a brownie or superfood salad at healthy fast food joint Leon in Spitalfields market square.

### 4. Notting Hill and Portobello Road

**Tube stop:** Notting Hill Gate

**Vibe:** Home to London's society fashion crowd — think Luella Bartley and Sienna Miller — Notting Hill is good for fashion new and old.

**The route:** Come out of Notting Hill Gate tube and head up Pembroke Road to hit Portobello Road, where the mythical market mile sells everything from antique lamps to 1950s straw hats.

Running alongside is Kensington Park Road, where Coco Ribbon sells luxury items oozing in femininity and British designer Paul Smith devotes a whole townhouse to his clothes and accessories.

Try Westbourne Grove for some bohemian attitude at Sienna and Savannah Millers' boutique

Twenty8Twelve and then move on to Ledbury Road for some Parisian-style purchases including Repetto ballet pumps or Antik Batik pearl kaftans and ornate brooches at designer boutique Aimé.

**Lunch stop:** Try Ottolenghi on Ledbury Road for healthy deli snacks and flourless chocolate cake.

### 5. Knightsbridge and Kings Road

**Tube stop:** Knightsbridge to Sloane Square

**Vibe:** This area is the shopping mecca of the mega-rich, who cruise the lavish department stores and designer boutiques that are dedicated to their every need.

**The route:** You step into another world when you exit Knightsbridge tube and enter the gold and green doors of Harrods. It's a warren of sumptuous rooms dedicated to the finest and most expensive versions of everything — watches, jewelry, furniture, clothes, sportswear, shoes, and even pet fashions.

For more bling head down Sloane Street for YSL, Gucci, and Jimmy Choo, and nearer to Sloane Square, you'll find fragrance guru Jo Malone. On Sloane Square check out the charms at Links of London and the refreshing interiors at The White Company. Hit The King's Road for unusual fashions at Graham & Green, and London's prettiest chocolate shop, Rocco.

**Lunch stop:** Snack on a cheap, delicious Lebanese shawarma from Maroush II, maroush.com, on Beauchamp Place, or Ranoush on the King's Road.

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## Traffic jam

California ports are getting a lot of unscheduled cruise ship traffic these days, as operators divert their boats from Mexican ports due to the influenza A (H1N1), or swine flu, scare. Right, the Royal Caribbean ship Serenade of the Seas arrives in San Diego. REUTERS



# A bevy of budget-friendly destinations

These days, many travellers are shying away from spending money on elaborate trips. But travel doesn't have to be a luxury only the rich can afford — many destinations around the world offer incredibly good value. For the traveller who's big on adventure but short on cash, here are my top picks for countries that will give you more bang for your buck.

**Nicaragua:** The poorest but arguably one of the most beautiful countries in Latin America, Nicaragua boasts active volcanoes, pristine crater lakes, fair trade coffee farms and some of the best surfing in the region. The cost of living is very reasonable with chilled Tonia beers for the equivalent of \$1 each and tasty traditional meals (fried rice and red beans, deep fried cheese, corn tortillas and fresh salad) for about \$5.

Bigfoot Hostel, bigfootnicaragua.com, a chill backpacker hangout in the quaint colonial town of

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León, offers private rooms. Its easy-going vibe, free wireless Internet, indoor swimming pool and hordes of Swedish students make Bigfoot an attractive spot. With great value and a strong tourist infrastructure, the country is huge in the backpacker scene and is quickly becoming the "new Costa Rica."

**Croatia:** Europe is typically very hard on the budget, but if you must go, Croatia is one of your best choices. It will not only wow you with its charming towns and Adriatic coastal beauty, it'll please your wallet.

The big save is on accommodations. When I was exploring the island of Hvar, I stayed in a pension (complete with private room, bathroom, full board and garden patio) for about \$50



The quaint, church-centric town of Leon is one of the many affordable destinations in Nicaragua.

a night. The Croatia National Tourism board's website, htz.hr, offers a list of small, family-run accommodations all over the country, from romantic Dubrovnik to the baroque-rich capital Zagreb.

**Bolivia:** From La Paz, travel

by bus to the Incan hotspot of Copacabana, a tourist gateway between the inspirational shores of Lake Titicaca and Peru's Cuzco. With inexpensive eats and affordable souvenirs, Copacabana has great deals for the budget traveller.

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del Lago, the nicest accommodations in the city with beautiful views of the lake, for prices as low as \$50 a night; hotelrosario.com.

With the money you've saved, you'll be able to afford an adrenaline-soaked bicycle adventure down the "world's most dangerous

road." For the equivalent of \$100, Gravity Assisted Mountain Biking offers day trips speeding downhill along twisted roads; gravitybolivia.com.

**India:** For those who want to stretch out their travel dollars and live like royalty, India is a great place to do it. From the beach parties of Goa to the tea plantations of Darjeeling, and the yoga studios of Rishikesh to the camel treks of Rajasthan, India is a massive country that seemingly takes a lifetime to see.

One of the best and cheapest ways to get around is by overnight train. Not only do you save on a night's accommodation, you also get a chance to see the countryside and meet the people. In Delhi, indulge in some of the world's cheapest shopping and food. India isn't the easiest destination to navigate but it's one of the most rewarding.

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**INCLUDES** all accom, transportation, some meals, tour leader and local guides on this 14-day small group tour exploring Tribal Thailand. **HIGHLIGHTS** Bangkok, River Kwai, Ayutthaya, Chiang Mai, hilltribe trek, Golden Triangle, Chiang Rai, elephant ride and bamboo river rafting. Departs May 10/gap.

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Rihanna has cancelled her planned May 28 comeback concert in Dubai, which was set to be her first performance since her February incident with ex-boyfriend Chris Brown, according to the Sun. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

# Entertainment



## Playboy offer

Heidi Montag will reportedly earn \$500,000 US if she chooses to pose for Playboy magazine, according to Hollyscoop. Montag is keeping mum about it, but Hugh Hefner says "I think she will ..." **METRO WORLD NEWS**

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## Fans beam about new Star Trek

**MOVIES** Days away from its U.S. opening, 10 per cent of Star Trek fans planning to see the movie say in a survey that they plan to show up to theaters in costume, online ticket seller Fandango.com said yesterday.

Also, 67 per cent of Fandango users expecting to see the film are men, the company said, based on its survey of nearly 4,000 movie goers.

Star Trek appears to be hurtling toward anticipated blockbuster figures when it debuts this week. It already accounts for 75 per cent of ticket sales at Fandango.

The firm also said the film from director J.J. Abrams has already sold out dozens of screenings in the United States. **REUTERS**

# Bright Lights, New Cities

Montreal dance-rock group hopes to make it outside of Quebec

**BRIAN TOWIE**  
Metro Canada

**Today Canada, tomorrow the world pretty much sums up The New Cities' ethos.**

The six dance-rockers from Montreal certainly have the backing to make a decent go of it. Their recently released disc *Lost In City Lights* is one of the latest in a tsunami of dance-rock acts currently out there — keyboards and guitars form the one-two punch over the dancehall rhythms.

But this group in particular attracted some credible

help such as producer Greig Nori (Treble Charger, Sum 41) and Dave Ogilvie (David Bowie, Nine Inch Nails), who both added a big-label polish to a sound that belies the grit and elbow grease of their first independent EP.

"At first we had a hard time trying to find the right balance between both because guitars and synths aren't easy to mix together," says keyboardist Nicolas Denis, adding *Lost In City Lights* had been in production since 2006. "The EP we released was a lot more indie — kind of like a first draft of what we wanted to do with the band. They (Nori and Ogilvie) brought this pop sensibility that we didn't have."

It's an ambitious agenda for the young sextet compared to their humble beginnings some three years ago, playing to Trois-Rivières high-schoolers as four-man ska-punk outfit the Gamblers. The band was a kind of prototype for the future electro-pop vehicle. Exit the Specials, enter the Faint and Death From Above 1979 as sonic vengeances.

"It's was kind of a school



*Lost In City Lights* is the debut full-length album from Montreal's The New Cities.

for us," says Denis. "Our first everything — tour, gigs, and van were through that band. We wanted to keep it dancey but do something different, the kind of stuff we were into."

Denis admits the band had some misgivings about performing outside their native Quebec, saying that in the past, acts that would be a top draw there would

## New Cities live

- New Cities play Babylon in Ottawa tonight.

hit an odd sort of Peter Principle in other provinces. Different days now that Quebec acts gain international attention, and he'll be the first to ac-

knowledge it.

"The mentality is really starting to change," Denis said. "When you start to play music in Quebec, especially if you sing in English, it just seems more like a dream than a possibility. But you have these role models, you see the people who make it and you begin to believe you can do that too."

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Stiller on scams

Ben Stiller has signed up to direct a movie about email scams. The star is to take the helm of *Help Me Spread Goodness*, a drama revolving around a Chicago banker who falls victim to Internet fraud. [FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK](http://FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK)



# NBC unveils new series

In need of a fresh hit, NBC rolled out six new prime-time television series yesterday, anchored by the lighthearted family drama *Parenthood*, a remake of the popular 1989 hit film.

NBC Universal's flagship TV network, NBC, is counting on the lineup of four new dramas and two comedies to rescue its low-rated prime-time schedule. NBC regularly trails rivals CBS, Fox and ABC in the prime-time audience ratings that help determine where advertisers spend their money.

Angela Bromstad, the president of NBC's prime-time entertainment division, said the current lineup featured some of TV's highest-quality shows, but acknowledged the network needed some fresh, breakout hits.

"It's absolutely critical that we bring in new hits to support those programs," she said.

In addition to *Parenthood* — produced by Ron Howard, who directed the big-screen version 20 years ago — NBC unveiled two

medical dramas, *Trauma* and *Mercy*, as well as *Day One*, set in the aftermath of a global catastrophe.

NBC took the wraps off its new shows two weeks before the other major networks, though it will not announce its precise schedule — assigning time slots for its returning and new programs — until May 19.

At NBC Universal, executives have sought to downplay NBC's struggles and instead promote the successes of its cable networks, including Bravo, USA, CNBC, MSNBC and Oxygen. Cable now makes up roughly 60 per cent of NBC Universal's revenue and has become a favourite of Chief Executive Jeff Zucker. Still, NBC Universal's broadcast network is — in many ways — the public face of the company, and it has been in a slump since longtime comedy favourites *Friends* and *Frasier* ended their runs five years ago.

For the 2009-10 season, NBC is hoping to find success with two new half-hour comedies. 100 Ques-



Six new episodes of *Saturday Night Live Weekend Update* Thursday, with Seth Myers, have also been planned.

tions centers on a single woman who agrees to take a 100-question compatibility test when she joins an online dating site.

Community is a comedy set at fictitious Greendale Community College, with a student body comprised of an odd mix of divorcees, high-school flops and other misfits.

Six new episodes of *Saturday Night Live Weekend Update* Thursday have also been planned, following

on the success of the specials during the presidential elections last fall.

On the drama front, *Trauma* is centered on a group of San Francisco paramedics, while *Mercy* take a look at the workings of a hospital through a group of nurses.

Bromstad called them shows that "people want to come back to because they make them feel good about their own lives."

REUTERS



Coldplay's Viva La Vida suffers another allegation.

## Cat Stevens says Coldplay hit sounds like his own

**PEOPLE** Singer-songwriter Cat Stevens agreed on Monday that the Coldplay song, *Viva La Vida*, sounds like one of his 1973 songs, but he stopped short of saying he would sue for plagiarism.

"My son brought it to my attention and said: 'Doesn't that sound like 'Foreigner Suite'?' the musician, now known as Yusuf Islam, told Reuters.

"The song definitely sounds like it," he said of his song. "It has such logical chords and the melody has to be what it is..."

Asked during a telephone interview from London whether he would pursue the issue legally, Is-

### Release

- Islam's new album *Roadsinger* came out yesterday.

lam, 60, said "it depends on how well Satriani does."

U.S. guitarist Joe Satriani has sued Coldplay, accusing the British band of copyright infringement. He claims substantial original portions of his song *I Could Fly* are recycled in *Viva La Vida* and is seeking damages.

Islam was unable to perform at a New York concert on Sunday because of "work permit" issues.

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## Polanski refuses to return to U.S.

**COURTS** Attorneys for Roman Polanski said in a court filing Monday that the film director will not return to the United States from Europe this week to contest in person his 1978 conviction for having sex with a 13-year-old girl.

Polanski would be arrested if he set foot on U.S. soil and his decision not to return ends his efforts to have his conviction dismissed, legal experts said.

REUTERS

### In brief

**COURTS** Ed McMahon, the longtime sidekick to U.S. late-night television star Johnny Carson, has settled a malpractice claim he brought against a Los Angeles hospital after breaking his neck, a lawyer involved in the litigation said yesterday.

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## Kenya's Style

### Kenya Hunt

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### Scrubs

Is there such a thing as a "cult smash"? Any hospital patient would be blessed to have the longevity of this hilarious sitcom, which ran seven years on NBC before being canceled, then another season here on ABC. Tonight marks its season finale on the Alphabet Net. Series finale, too? Maybe, but don't look for a flatline just yet. The docs at Sacred Heart have come back from the dead before! Zach Braff and Donald Faison star. 8 PM on 20 ABC 15 CITY



### Anna and Kristina's Grocery Bag

Betty Crocker is an American icon; you'd think Anna and Kristina would pick an American dish, not a British staple, for their test run of the "Betty Crocker Cookbook." But no; they're trying Betty's recipe for beer-battered fish and chips and giving a British pub owner the honor of taste-testing it. First, though, they have to find the right beer, which involves its own taste test. 8 PM on 62 W





Sarah Silverman's fake hookup with Matt Damon is still paying off. The comedian's hit viral music video, I'm F—ing Matt Damon, which won her an Emmy in September, has now netted her a best actress Webby award. **PEOPLE.COM**

## Celebrity Buzz

# Spears' boyfriend to get wrist slap?

**JAIL TIME** He's out of the hospital, but Casey Aldridge must now deal with the legal implications of his recent truck crash, people.com reports.

Aldridge — better known as Jamie Lynn Spears' boyfriend and the father of their 10-month-old daughter Maddie — was charged with careless operation of a motor vehicle after he drove off a road into a

ditch and flipped his F-250 pickup truck on April 26.

According to Louisiana criminal attorney Lester Gauthier, who is not involved with the case, the 20-year-old will face a fine of no more than \$175 US and/or imprisonment



for not more than 30 days.

"A typical sentence might be the fine plus court costs," says Gauthier. "He may not have a prison sentence. If he is given a prison sentence, it likely will

be suspended." The suspension, he explains, would not be enforced if conditions — such as a driving course — are complied with and he does not get into further trouble during the probation.

"(Aldridge's) license would probably not be suspended," adds Gauthier, and the teen may not even need to appear in court.

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# Kate to pen first book

**JUICY DETAILS** Kate Moss will reportedly receive \$2 million to write an autobiography, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

British businessman Richard Branson has revealed his publishing house Virgin Books will publish the 35-year-old supermodel's first book.

Though he wouldn't confirm when it would be re-



leased, he said it would be a no-holds-barred "exciting read" of Moss' life and would contain anecdotes about her celebrity friends.

The tome is expected to reveal intimate details about Moss' drug abuse, her breakup from rocker Pete Doherty and recent allegations that she cheated on current boyfriend Jamie Hince with musician Eve Berlin last year.

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## Katy's cat wants 'Kitty Purry' flu

**FLU FASHION** Only Katy Perry could find just the right bling for a global pandemic, people.com reports.

"Since swine flu is super trendy I wanted to make sure I was in style with my swine flu ring" the singer writes on her blog, "a flying piggy."

And if that's not silly enough, Perry relates a conversation about the swine flu she had with her cat, Kitty Purry.

"Kitty Purry was telling me the other night that she remembers when bird flu was in and now pig flu is cool and she wonders when kitty flu is gonna hit," writes Perry, "as she would like to be more popular than she currently already is. Fame whore."

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# No marriage regrets: Jessica

**NO REGRETS** Jessica Simpson doesn't regret marrying Nick Lachey, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer — who divorced Nick in 2005, after three years of marriage — is glad she was married, even though she hasn't spoken to her former husband "in years."

The 28-year-old singer also



defended her decision to star in MTV reality show *Newlyweds*, insisting the show didn't destroy her marriage.

She said: "The show made me understand what marriage is, what love is, what commitment is. In all

honesty, I believe it did not affect our marriage. Because we enjoyed watching those episodes, and that will always be a time I cherish."

Simpson — who was just 22 when she walked down the aisle — told *Vanity Fair* that getting married was what we all wanted. Go to college, get married, and have babies. It was my way of thinking. At 16, every boyfriend I had I was going to marry."

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# Jen's '80s fashion faux pas

**BAD TASTE** Jennifer Aniston used to wear a policeman's hat while partying, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress — who is often voted the world's most stylish woman — admitted she made many fashion faux pas during the '80s when she regularly visited New York's all-night clubs.

She said: "I did have

that period." Aniston went on to describe her favourite outfit, which consisted of ripped tights, boots, a police hat and "maybe a bra."

The 40-year-old actress — who also



confessed to dancing on the clubs' podiums — added to talk show host Jimmy Fallon: "No one should have let us go outside like that."

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# Eminem's drug battle

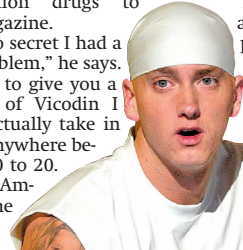
**ADDICTION** Eminem opens up about his struggle with prescription drugs to Vibe magazine.

"It's no secret I had a drug problem," he says. "If I was to give you a number of Vicodin I would actually take in a day? Anywhere between 10 to 20. Valium, Ambien, the numbers

got so high I don't even know what I was taking."

The rapper even admits that at one point he was getting methadone from his doctors, in amounts "equivalent to shooting up four bags of heroin."

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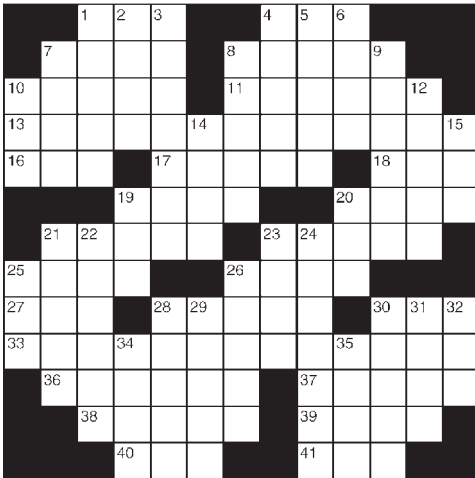




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## Take Five



### Crossword across

- 1 That woman
- 4 Gasoline stat
- 7 He gave us a lift
- 8 Hideaways
- 10 Sedative, for short
- 11 Recently
- 13 1967 suspense movie
- 16 Antiquated
- 17 Tittles
- 18 Fourth letter
- 19 Jason's carrier
- 20 Elite alternative
- 21 Cash storage structures
- 23 Gold measure
- 25 Calendar abbr.
- 26 Staffer
- 27 As well
- 28 Green sauce
- 30 Feathery accessory
- 33 Star of 13-Across
- 36 Pakistan city
- 37 Ballroom favourite
- 38 Red Square figure
- 39 Vortex
- 40 Sailor's assent
- 41 P.I.

### Crossword down

- 1 Composed
- 2 Intimate
- 3 Knighthood candidate
- 4 Mario Puzo subject
- 5 Prescriptions, often
- 6 Alumnus
- 7 Kind of history or hygiene
- 8 Gambling game
- 9 Ancient arenas
- 10 Pair
- 12 Not slouching
- 14 Eggy quaffs
- 15 Mauna —
- 19 Sternward
- 20 Opposite of post-
- 21 Asian city
- 22 Footless
- 23 Charlie Brown's nemesis?
- 24 Took as one's own
- 25 RR stop
- 26 Wan
- 28 Indiana's state flower
- 29 High nest (Var.)
- 30 Type of pan
- 31 Unrestrained revelry
- 32 Year in Acapulco
- 34 Comical Caroline
- 35 Commanded

### PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



3	6	2	1	8	4	5	9	7
7	5	1	9	2	6	4	8	3
9	4	8	3	7	5	2	6	1
2	7	3	8	4	9	6	1	5
4	1	5	7	6	3	9	2	8
8	9	6	2	5	1	7	3	4
6	8	7	4	3	2	1	5	9
1	2	4	5	9	8	3	7	6
5	3	9	6	1	7	8	4	2

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<b>SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:</b>	17-21 min .....	Smart
Under 13 min .....	21-25 min .....	Not bad
13-17 min .....	25+ min .....	Keep practising

### Metro Recipe of the Day



### Chicken and Mushroom Pie

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 tbsp (25 ml) butter
- 3 1/4 cups (800 ml) button mushrooms, halved
- 1 1/4 cups (300 ml) cream cheese
- 2/3 cup (150 ml) 1% milk
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) hot English or Dijon mustard
- 3 1/3 cups (825 ml) diced cooked chicken
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) snipped fresh chives
- salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 sheet pre-made puff pastry

#### METHOD:

1. Put baking tray in oven and preheat to 400 F (200 C).
2. Melt butter in large frying pan over moderately low heat. Add mushrooms and gently cook, stirring occasionally until tender, 4-5 minutes.
3. Put cream cheese in large bowl and lightly beat until softened.
4. Reserve 1 1/2 tbsp (20 ml) milk; pour rest into bowl with cream cheese along with mustard. Stir into thick sauce.
5. Add chicken, chives and mushrooms with juices to creamy sauce. Season to taste with salt and freshly ground black pepper, then spoon mixture into 4-cup pie dish. Place pie funnel or upturned ovenproof

china egg cup, in middle of filling to support pastry lid.  
6. Roll out pastry on lightly floured surface until about 2 in. (5 cm) larger all around than pie dish. Cut off 1 1/4-in. (3-cm) strip around the edge of pastry sheet, then press this strip onto rim of pie dish. Lightly brush with water, then lay pastry lid on top, pressing edges together to seal.  
7. Trim excess pastry, pinch to seal, then flake the edges: Hold sharp knife horizontally to side of pastry edge and make shallow cuts all around. Re-roll pastry trimmings and cut out leaf shapes to decorate and stick onto the pastry lid with a little reserved milk. Glaze all over with remaining milk and cut two slits in top for steam.  
8. Place pie dish on hot baking tray and bake 25-30 minutes, or until pastry is nicely puffed and golden brown. Let stand 5 minutes before serving, sprinkled with pepper.

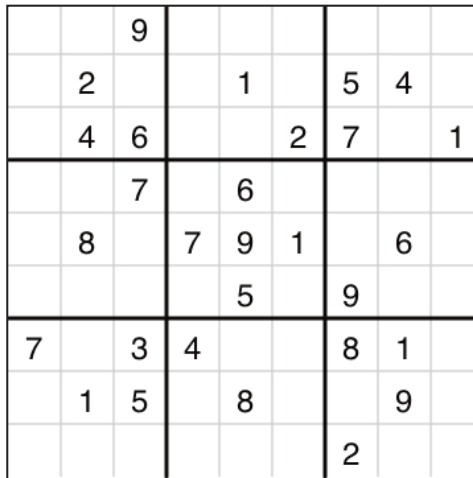
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### Horoscopes

#### ARIES

**MARCH 21-APRIL 20**  
A crazy person brings a crisis to a head. A strong supporter breaks the rules. Indecision will cause some very bad dreams.

#### LIBRA

**SEPT 23-OCT 23**  
A fashionable woman won't complain or explain. A persuasive person's achievements will be great. A hopeless situation affects your choices.

#### TAURUS

**APRIL 21-MAY 21**  
An impressive person shows you how to increase your income. Avoid signing any binding contracts. A girl makes annoying plans.

#### SCORPIO

**OCT 24-NOV 22**  
An innocent person is uncertain about life. Be specific about your needs when love is in the air. A snob helps someone who is just starting out.

#### GEMINI

**MAY 22-JUNE 21**  
Stay away from a thrilling conflict. Don't move stuff around after dark. A troubled teenager needs to avoid conflict.

#### SAGITTARIUS

**NOV 23-DEC 21**  
You're surprised after justice is done. Speak the truth and challenge a lame excuse. Be kinder to the dreary people.

#### CANCER

**JUNE 22-JULY 22**  
A creepy guy is involved in maniacal outbursts. A wiser man regrets hurtful actions. Secret desires will reveal insecurity.

#### CAPRICORN

**DEC 22-JAN 20**  
A female takes more time than you expected. You have the energy to confront a problem. Expect a gift from a selfish friend.

#### LEO

**JULY 23-AUG 23**  
A contented caller shares feelings and talks about daydreams. Time passes very quickly. A captivating man has plenty of money.

#### AQUARIUS

**JAN 21-FEB 18**  
An astounding player has lost a battle. You've come to terms with a problem. You'll be surprised by getting a bonus.

#### VIRGO

**AUG 24-SEPT 22**  
Stories about memory problems have lost their charm. A pompous colleague just won't go away. Don't speak until innocence is revealed.

#### PISCES

**FEB 19-MARCH 20**  
You'll give someone a second opinion. Stay away from people who are in denial. A procrastinator isn't a loyal friend.

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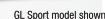


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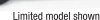
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